



# Ocotillo Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



**Councilmember Norma Alvarez**

**April 6, 2012**

## **Free Immunization Program.**

The mission of the Glendale Fire Department's Immunization Program is to help increase the childhood immunization rates in Arizona by providing a safe and convenient place where children can receive their needed vaccines.

Free vaccines are given to children who meet one or more of the following eligibility categories:

- Is enrolled in Kids Care
- Is enrolled in AHCCCS
- Has no health insurance
- Native American or Alaskan Native
- Has health insurance that does not pay for the vaccination (underinsured)

## **Upcoming Clinics – 9 am.-1 p.m.**

- Glendale Community Center,  
5401 W. Ocotillo Rd.  
April 7  
June 2  
August 4
- O'neil Park Recreation Center,  
6448 W. Missouri Ave.  
May 5  
July 7  
September 1

Please bring your child's immunization records. It is also a good idea to have a good meal prior to receiving your vaccine.

For more information on the Baby Shot Program, [click here](#) or call the immunization hotline at 623-930-2414.

## **Community Meeting – Monday, April 30 – 6 p.m.**

Please join Councilmember Alvarez for a community meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, April 30 at Challenger Middle School, 6905 W. Maryland Avenue. The meeting will be held in the gymnasium. Councilmember Alvarez will be joined by representatives from the Glendale Police Department. For more information, call 623-930-2878.



## **Councilmember Norma Alvarez Discusses Glendale Schools.**

Join as Councilmember Alvarez and her guests talk about what's new at Glendale Schools. Superintendent Joseph Quintana and Assistant Superintendent Donna Lewis from the Glendale Elementary School District and Dr. Jennifer Johnson, Superintendent of the Glendale Union High School District are guests. [Click here](#) to watch online or check the Glendale 11 TV guide.

## **IMPORTANT!**

**Ocotillo Weekly Update.** The City of Glendale is updating the software system used to send this newsletter, the Ocotillo Weekly Update, and any other Glendale Bulletins you may receive. To continue receiving Glendale Bulletins, you must re-register by visiting the following website: <http://www.glendaleaz.com/bulletins/subscribe.cfm>. Just follow the simple instructions to create an account and choose the bulletins you would like to receive.

We are confident the upgrade will result in Glendale bulletins being much more user-friendly!

**City Budget Information:** Agendas, minutes and videos of all city council meetings and workshops are available online, [click here](#) for that information. [Click here](#) to visit the 2012-13 budget information page.

**Shred It and Forget It - April 21.** Bring old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents with personal information to one of two free upcoming shredding events in Glendale on April 21, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (or until the trucks are full). Events are at Cabela's, 9380 W. Glendale Ave. and the Dairy Queen Shopping Center at 6768 W. Deer Valley Road. For more information call 623-930-4044.

**Safely Dispose of Drugs - April 28.** The Glendale Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be accepted. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at two locations: WalMart at 18551 N. 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave. in the northwest parking lot and Waymark Gardens at 5325 W. Butler Dr. For more information call 623-930-4044.

**“Read Local” Authors Event at the Library.** Shop local, eat local . . . why not “Read Local”? Find something new to read and show your support for local authors while they discuss and sign their small-press and self-published books at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave.

Each author will have approximately 5 minutes to promote his or her book, with a group signing afterward. Genres include everything from mystery to romance to pirate adventure. Four of the eight authors are Glendale residents. And Apache Junction author, Andrew Means, has written a book about Glendale music icon, Marty Robbins. Scheduled authors include:

- J. J. M. Czep, Glendale: “Blackstrap’s Ecstasy,” pirate adventure
- Ruth Douthitt, Phoenix: “The Dragon Forest,” middle-school fiction
- Lori Hines, Goodyear: “The Ancient Ones” and “Caves of the Watchers,” mysteries set in Arizona and the Four Corners
- Merle McCann, Scottsdale: The Longjohners’ Mysteries, chapter books for readers 8-14 years old
- Andrew Means, Apache Junction: “Some Memories: Growing Up with Marty Robbins,” nonfiction memoir
- Kathy Papajohn, Glendale: “Maligned,” near-future thriller set in Arizona
- Wayne Patrick, Glendale: “The Silent War,” thriller/horror
- Kris Tualla, Glendale: Six historical romances featuring Norwegian heroes

The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information call 623-930-3439.

## Around Town

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**Award-Winning National Acts Headline 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival – April 14-15.** Glendale’s award-winning Jazz & Blues Festival will feature an equally phenomenal lineup of headlining acts when music takes center stage in downtown Glendale April 14-15. Glendale’s two-day music festival always brings in well-known national and regional acts to headline the entertainment that incorporates tremendous local acts, as well. [Click here](#) for more information and the full entertainment schedule.

**Glendale Family Bike Ride – April 15.** Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 15 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

This is a ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale’s neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

This is a free ride with no registration fees. Visit [www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride](http://www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride) to pre-register. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10.

On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. For more information, call 623-930-2940.

**STAR Party.** Join the Saguaro Astronomy Club from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, April 28 for an evening of star gazing. Large and small telescopes will be available for viewing the moon, planets and stars. STAR Party will be held at Thunderbird Conservation Park at the 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Patrick Lane Entrance. Club members will be available to answer your questions. For more information, call 623-930-2652.

**A Day at Manistee Ranch.** The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassador Foundation, with the volunteer assistance of the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors, will host “A Day at Manistee Ranch,” an old-fashioned day of family fun on April 28, 2012, as a fundraiser for the Glendale, Arizona Historical Society. This event has something to appeal to guests of all ages! Country singers, an antique car show, vintage tractors, children’s games, and a petting zoo will add to the fun on the grounds of Manistee Ranch. In addition, self-guided tours of the Ranch House and raffle drawings will be held. There will also be appearances by staff from the Wildlife World Zoo and Fallen Feathers Bird Rescue.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Manistee Ranch located at 5127 W. Northern Ave. Admission is \$5 per individual or \$10 per family. Parking is free, with entrance off of 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

**New Tree Trail Dedication April 28.** Just in time for Arbor Day, Glendale’s Conservation & Sustainable Living program will debut its new addition to the Glendale Xeriscape Garden, the Tree Trail, on April 28 at 9 a.m. This project, funded by a grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, features a renovated 10,000-square foot area of the garden, with a focus on small- and medium-sized trees better suited for most residential applications, where sites are typically more compact. Residents are encouraged to come and visit this new amenity outside the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Free trees for the first 100 Glendale residents to RSVP at 623-930-3760.

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